

PUBLIC NOTICE
Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD)
Tentative Approval of Hazardous Waste Permit to Include Chemical
Munitions Storage and a Research Development, and Demonstration Permit
to Construct, Test and Operate a Facility to Destroy Chemical Munitions
Containing the Nerve Agent GB (Sarin)
Richmond, Kentucky – Madison County

1. The Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet's Division of Waste Management (Division), along with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U. S. EPA) have tentatively decided to grant Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD) a permit modification to a hazardous waste storage facility to include chemical munitions and related hazardous waste.
2. The Division has also tentatively decided to grant BGAD and Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass a Research, Development and Demonstration (RD&D) permit to construct, test and operate a facility to destroy chemical munitions containing the nerve agent GB.

BGAD is located at 2091 Kingston Highway, Richmond, Madison County, Kentucky, 40475. **The facility contact is Todd Williams (859) 779-6280. The contact for Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass is Thomas Kurkky (859) 625-1285, takurkky@bechtel.com.**

What will be done and why?

1. BGAD currently operates under interim status, a hazardous waste storage facility for chemical munitions containing nerve and blister agents, and related hazardous waste. They are required to obtain a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Part B permit in accordance with 401 KAR 38:010 Section 4. BGAD has a permit for non-chemical weapon (non nerve and blister agent) hazardous waste. The current permit will be modified to include the storage of chemical munitions and related hazardous waste. This permit will allow BGAD to store listed hazardous wastes in 46 additional storage igloos in the Chemical Limited Area. The permit expires September 30, 2014.
2. The RD&D permit will allow BGAD and Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass to construct, test, and operate a facility designed to destroy chemical munitions and related waste using neutralization technology. The permit is only for chemical munitions and related waste with the nerve agent GB. The permit contains a comprehensive Compliance Schedule, which requires submittals of additional information and approvals at set times before processing hazardous waste.

How can I tell the Division what I think about this tentative approval? Public involvement is encouraged and comments are welcome. Anyone wishing to comment on the tentative decision to approve these permits should submit comments to the Cabinet on or before **August 31, 2005**, which is when the public comment period closes. **A public hearing will be held at the Carl D. Perkins Conference Center on the Eastern Kentucky University campus beginning at 6:00 p.m. on August 30th.** Comments should be submitted to one of the following addresses with all issues of concern clearly stated. Comments should be submitted electronically to shannonl.powers@ky.gov; or mailed to Michael V. Welch, Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, Division of Waste Management, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, (502) 564-6716, ext. 246.

Where can I review the documents used to make this tentative decision?

Madison Co. Public Library, Richmond Branch, 507 West Main Street, Richmond, KY 40475. Contact: Sue Hays, Director, (859) 623-6704, Email: suehays@madisonlibrary.org.

Madison Co. Public Library, Berea Branch, 319 E. Chestnut, Berea, KY 40403. Contact: Abigail Harris (859) 986-7112. www.madisonlibrary.org/.

Eastern Kentucky University Public Library, 521 Lancaster Ave., Richmond, KY 40475.

Contact: Linda Sizemore (859) 622-2068 or (859) 622-2360 – E-mail: linda.sizemore@eku.edu

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Blue Grass Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office, 301 Highland Park Drive, Richmond, KY 40475.
Contact: Sandra Plant, (859) 626-8944, Email: outreach@bechtel.com. Business Hours: M-F 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Division of Waste Management, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-1190, (502) 564-9232 (fax), Email: maria.wood@ky.gov. Contact Maria Wood, by writing, faxing, or e-mailing her at the above address, or by calling her at (502) 564-6716, ext. 636.

What will the Cabinet do with the comments?

All comments received by August 31, 2005, will be considered when making a final decision. Anyone submitting comments will be mailed a “response to public comments” document specifying any changes made or not made, with the reasons why, as a result of the comment(s) submitted.

The Cabinet does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in the provision of services. When requested, the Cabinet provides reasonable accommodations for a public hearing (such as an interpreter) or alternate formats for printed information. Contact Shannon Powers at (502) 564-6716, ext. 665 for assistance.